

**REMARKS**

The Examiner's Action mailed on November 30, 2006 has been received and its contents carefully considered.

In this Amendment, Applicants have amended the title in response to the title objection. Also, Applicants have amended claims 13 and 15 into independent form, amended claims 12, 14, 16, 17 and 18 to depend from either claim 13 or 15, and cancelled claims 10 and 11. Claims 1, 13 and 15 are the independent claims. Claims 1-9 and 12-18 remain pending in the application. For at least the following reasons, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

The Examiner has objected to claim 14 for informalities. Claim 14 has been amended to correct this informality. Thus, this objection should be withdrawn.

Also, it is noted with appreciation that the Examiner considers the subject matter of claims 13 and 15 as being allowable over the art of record. Since all claims that were rejected over the prior art have either been canceled or amended to depend from allowable claim 13 or 15, all of the Examiner's prior rejections have been rendered moot.

Also, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-18 as being indefinite. The Examiner has provided an interpretation of the claim language, and stated that the present claim language is acceptable if this interpretation is the intent of the

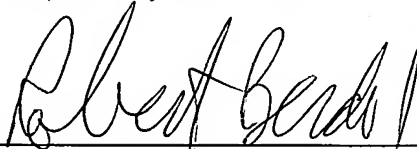
Applicants. In response thereto, Applicants **do agree** with the interpretation of the claim language provided by the Examiner.

It is noted with appreciation that the Examiner considers claims 1-9 as being allowable if the Section 112 rejections are overcome appropriately. Since Applicants agree with the interpretation provided by the Examiner, claims 1-9 with acceptable language are clearly in condition for allowance. Allowance of the application and the passing of this case to issue are therefore respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned counsel to arrange for such a conference.

Should any fee be required, the Director is hereby authorized to charge the fee to our deposit account number 18-0002, and please advise us accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,



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